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FM AMEMBASSY FREETOWN

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INFO AMCONSUL CASABLANCA

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FLIGHT CLEARANCE

CASABLANCA FOR FISHERIES ATTACHE

REF: STATE 112042

1. EMBASSY CONCERNED AT REQUEST REFTEL THAT EMBASSY SEEK BLANKET CLEARANCE FOR FLIGHT CLEARANCE FOR CIVIL AIRCRAFT TO BE ENGAGED IN GUIDING FISHING FLEETS. EMBASSY CONSIDERS THAT WITHOUT CONSIDERABLY MORE DETAILED INFORMATION (AND "RIGHT ANSWERS" FROM GOSL POINT OF VIEW) THERE VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE GOSL WOULD APPROVE REQUEST. CHANCES MIGHT BE SLIM EVEN WITH ADDITIONAL DATA. NOT CLEAR, ALSO, WHETHER REQUEST IS FOR SIMPLE OVERFLIGHT OR LANDING AND/OR TEMPORARY BASING.

2. GOSL AT PRESENT CLAIMS 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA AND RIGHT TO CONTROL FISHING THEREIN, ALTHOUGH IT HAS INDICATED IT LIKELY TO ACCEPT 12 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA LIMIT WITH 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE IF THIS GENERALLY AGREED IN LOS NEGOTIATIONS. UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS, HOWEVER, GOSL CONSIDERED LIKELY TO STAND ON PRESENT LEGAL CLAIM AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INSIST ON KNOWING (1) AREA TO BE SURVEYED AND (2) IDENTITY

AND NATIONALITY OF OWNERS OF FISHING FLEETS TO BE SERVED.
GOSL LIKELY ALSO INSIST FISHING FLEETS PAY APPROPRIATE
LICENSE FEES PRIOR CONDUCTING FISHING OPERATIONS ANYWHERE
WITHIN 200 MILES OF SL COAST. IF ASSURED SURVEYS ALL
BEYOND 200 MILES, OUTLOOK PROBABLY BRIGHTER FOR LANDING/
BASING.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES GOSL MOST UNLIKELY RESPOND FAVORABLY
TO CLEARANCE REQUEST WITHOUT THIS DATA AT MINIMUM AND THAT
IT PROBABLE, EVEN IF ALL ANSWERS SATISFACTORY, THAT GOSL
WILL INSIST ON INDIVIDUAL CLEARANCE REQUEST EACH FLIGHT.

4. ADVISE.
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